THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): The information is being collected and shall be laid on the table of the House.

Registration of "Bal Majdoor Union" by the Registrar of Trade Union

1335. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Registrar of Trade Unions has refused to register "Bal Mazdoor Union" comprising about 50 child labour most of them below 15 years of age;

(b) whether he reportedly adduced the ground that under Trade Union Act of 1926, children below 15 years of age do not have the right to form trade union;

(c) if so, whether Government, while recognising its inability to stop child labour whose number about 18 million would remove the iniqutous bar to child labour below the age of 15 years from forming trade unions through necessary amendments of the Trade Union Act of 1926 immediately if the Registrar's plea was correct; and

(d) if the Registrar's plea is incorrect, whether he should be brought to book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) According to the information received from Delhi Administration, an application under the name of Bal Majdoor Trade Union was received on 25-9-92 in the office of Registrar of Trade Union, Delhi for registration under the Trade Unions Act, 1926. As some of the signatories of application for registration were below the age of 15 years the representative of the applicant union was informed that it will not be possible to register the trade union in view of the provisions of Section 21 of the Trade Unions Act, 1926. Subsequently, Bal Majdoor Union, New Delhi, filed a writ petitions challenging the provisions of Section 21 of the Trade Unions Act in the High Court of Delhi and the same was dismissed. The Union has now filed as S.L.P. in the Supreme Court of India. The Matter therefore is subjudice.

Cases Against Tobacco Exporters for Violation of Minimum Wages Act

1336. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some cases have been registered against Tobacco exporters in Andhra Pradesh for violation of Minimum Wages Act;

(b) if so, since when there are pending; and

(c) what are the names of erring companies and the names of partners of those companies and details with year-wise and company-wise against whom cases are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Outsiders Leading Service Association/ Unions in Government Departments

1337. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 77 given in the Rajya Sabha on dated the 3rd May, 1993 and state:

(a) in what manner Government monitor and enforce policy on outsiders who are not Government servants but are leading service Associations/Unions in respect of Central Government Departments; and

(b) the details of number of such persons who are not in service and were not